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M&D Milestone NO.\* 53(56)  
Counties (MD/PA) Baltimore/York

A COMPARATIVE ASSESSMENT OF THE STATUS AND CONDITION  
OF THE MONUMENTS ON THE MASON AND DIXON LINE.

MONUMENT LOCATION:

DATE OF OBSERVATION: 16 MAR 88

Off Shaffer Mill Road about 150 feet to the west. along a fence running from the road. Miller farm property.

DESCRIPTION/MEASUREMENTS: The "M"-side and the E-side of the stone are blocked by the fence. The stone is 14" out of ground on the west (down) side. The "P" is clear and easily readable.

STATUS: PROTECTED ENDANGERED MISSING UNEXPOSED NOT FOUND

COMPARATIVE CONDITION: EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR DETERIORATED RUINS UNEXPOSED

1900-1903 Resurvey:

Original monument in place.

1959 report by W.H.Bayliff:

Original monument in protected spot and in excellent condition.

1980 report by Alice Martin:

Original monument in place and in a protected location, excellent condition.

Current status and condition:

The remoteness of the site and its being on a farm of a concerned landowner, in a non-cultivated area, gives the stone excellent protection. The stone is in very good to excellent condition. It is firmly set and the foundation appears sound.

NOTES:

The top horizontal edges are only slightly rounded. The vertical edges show only the slightest chipping.

Obtain permission from Mr. Miller to cross the pasture. The horses like to play "scare the visitor". Also, the "watchdog" is a mean Chinese goose which came from Harford County. Its meanness may be hereditary or from environment. In either case, it hates visitors.

PHOTO Nos.: 53(56) A thru D.

MAPS: MGS topographic map of Baltimore County, 1985.

USGS 7.5 minute topographic quadrangle, Lineboro quadrangle.

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\* The monuments are numbered here according to the Mason and Dixon milepost numbers. The number in parentheses corresponds to the 1900 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. The numbers for the West Line start at "0" at the northeast corner of Maryland and increase westward.





#53(56)  
 16 MAR 88  
 Status: Protected.  
 Condition: Excellent.  
 Foundation: Firmly set and appears  
 to be solid; jammed against a  
 fence.





#53(56) View Eastward to Shaffer  
Mill Road about 150 feet.



"One quart of oats, please, to  
see the Mason-Dixon marker."